



IF IT WON'T HELP
WIN THE WAR —
FORGET IT!

▽ PLOMB ▽



"The Difficult Thing May
Be Done Right Away. The
Impossible Takes a Little
Longer."

ANVIL CHORUS

HEP, HEP — HOP AND TWO WAYS TO LOOK AT IT!

RESULTS OF PLOMB QUESTIONNAIRE TABULATION

Sherman Miller, Personnel Director

Next week's Anvil Chorus will carry the tabulation on the Plomb Questionnaire. I hope all of you will study the results and watch for the interesting comments to follow in later issues.

It may be of interest to those who were skeptical about answering the questions to know that **no one** from Plomb has actually seen a returned Questionnaire. Your answers were sent to California Institute of Technology where they were sorted and tabulated. It took the work of several people and a total of 228 hours to complete this job.

Next, the comments were typed, assembled and bound into seven separate books. This material makes a stack about eight inches high and took 378 hours to complete.

This is by no means all the work and expense that was necessary to get your opinions in writing. Considerable time was taken by various executives discussing the questions that should be included. There was the printing, folding, stuffing, and mailing, besides approximately 24 hours time to address the envelopes. Follow-up post-cards were printed and in turn had to be addressed to you.

But for all the time, trouble, and expense we are well repaid by such comments as these, and I quote from the typed answers to Question 51. "I think this Questionnaire is a swell idea! It shows the Company is 'on the beam' and is trying to get the cooperation and loyalty of every employee," and "Thanks a lot for the chance to make suggestions," and finally "I like this Company **very** much, and I **mean** this."

So to all Plomb people who so kindly cooperated in making this Questionnaire a success — my sincere thanks. And I mean this.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

BLOOD DONORS. SOME GIVE THEIR BLOOD FOR THEIR COUNTRY. OTHERS GIVE THEIR SPLEEN.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Is you is — or is you ain't — Hep?

1st Hep cat: "Say, Jack, hear Plomb's goin' to 'pitch a righteous ball'."

2nd: "You know it, Man — on the P. M. of the 26th."

1st: "Got my 'glad rags' draped — pleats reet, cuffs stuffed. Will knock myself out 'trippin' the light fantastic'. (Dancing)."

2nd: "You know, pops, I've got a sweet chick — the little 'dish' is goin' to dig this frantic session with me."

1st: "Great! Yes, this Monroe Jockers has a solid 'combo'. — Comes on like Gangbusters."

2nd: "Voot!" That's aw-root — and solid to boot!"

1st: "Man, get those Plomb Toolers on the beam — aw heck, those cats don't have to be told anyway — they'll congregate on that righteous eve!"

2nd: "Groovey, cat — plant you now, dig you later! (At Plomb's Hop — the 26th, Saturday 8 p. m.)"

Lookin' for you "slick chicks" and "hep cats",

Just another chick,

Lucille.

1st "Square": "Hi, fella, hear Plomb's giving a dance."

2nd: "Yes, on the 26th."

1st: "My clothes are in shape. I'm ready for some real dancing."

2nd: "I'm bringing my little girl friend along."

1st: "That's swell — You know, I hear this Monroe Jockers has a sweet aggregation."

2nd: "That always helps."

1st: "I know all Plomb Toolers will turn out for it — they aren't so dumb."

2nd: "Yep; Well, I have to leave now, kid — I'll see you at the dance."

Will be seeing all you boys and girls,
'bye Lucille.

For readers that are not strictly hep to modern jive talk Lucille is merely trying to say that next Saturday, August 26 we will have a Dance in the Club House.

MEDICAL DEPT. NOW PROVIDES VACCINE TABLETS

Your health is being looked after in many ways by the Medical Department.

In an effort to protect all employees against severe colds which can cost you lost time and money, the Medical Department is now offering at cost a vaccination protection in which **no needle is used** — just small, tasteless, easy-to-swallow tablets.

SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE

You know how successfully vaccination has been used in protecting people from many diseases. These small, tasteless vaccine tablets have been proved to be just as effective as cold shots.

The Medical Department will be happy to tell you all about this new way of building up your resistance to colds. The sooner you start taking these vaccine tablets — only two a week are necessary after the first week — the sooner you will start to protect yourself against colds.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

STIMULUS: Have you learned only of those who admired you and stood aside for you? Then you have not learned much. The great lessons come from those who reject you, who dispute passage with you.

MONROE JOCKERS and his Hollywood Recording Orchestra will furnish the music. Refreshments will be served at the "bar" — and just try and "beat me to that bar, daddy." Tickets are available from any member of the Board of Directors of the Employees Association whose names follow:

Larry Maher, John Gilmore, Bob Bach, Kurt Apel (president of our Association), Louis Chavez (treasurer), Gordon Wilkinson (the Association's Ambassador-at-large), Mildred Underhill, Bob DeVille (Penens), Lionel Murray, John Cross, Art Craft, Norman Robb, Frank Lampley, Eleanor Thompson (Sec'y).

News of YOUR Department



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in the armed services

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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It takes a baby about two
years to learn to talk, and the
next 50 years to learn to keep
his mouth shut.

CHARLES L. WHEELER
President and General Manager
The Salt Lake Hardware Co.

COMING EVENTS

CLUB HOUSE DANCE

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

Monroe Jockers and his Holly-
wood Recording Orchestra

THE MEMPHIS BELLE: Thrilling
Aviation Saga — the story of a
Flying Fortress. Exciting and
authentic. CLUB HOUSE —

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 —
4:15 and 5:15 P. M.

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Office - Los Angeles—

NELLIE FRAMBS 5 years

GEORGE VETTE 5 years

DANIEL GERLOUGH 2 years

Factory - Los Angeles—

LOUIS CHAVEZ 3 years

CLARENCE O. DOUGLAS 3 years

RICHARD LAUNCHBAUGH 3 years

THOMAS PERRY 3 years

LILLIAN MOHR 2 years

Salesman—

ARTHUR J. COMERFORD 3 years

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ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

Orchids to Dan Cupid:

It all happened at a birthday party;
their eyes caught, their hearts stopped,
in fact those hearts are still going flip-
flop! They both work at Plomb, prac-
tically side, by side, but this sweet
romance they can hardly hide!! It's
the latest thing so I've heard, so when
you see LUCILLE ELLSWORTH and
BILL BRIGGS together, don't say a
word! Where'd you hear it? From a
little "bird". (Ha — that's me, a bird!)

Onions: Who's that half-pint cutie in
the Order Dept., that received a ticket
last week, via LAPD, because she
wouldn't let a pedestrian have the right
of way! That's a woman driver for you
— and she was only going twenty
miles per hour! (If there isn't a column
next week, it'll be because this one was
so bad or Arlene beat someone else
to mel) . . .

After working here last week WAAC
VAN GORDON left for Kansas with,
"Whew, now I can go back to camp
and REST!" Wonder why? Good luck,
Van — the Stockroom wasn't that TUFF
was it? . . .

All kinds of beaming faces around
the institution this week. Especially
papas' faces! The PEARSON'S and
the WILKINSON'S are both proud par-
ents of baby boys. Roger and Chris-
topher respectively! Congrats! And
Orchids too! . . .

Do I see a budding romance — be-
tween HELEN ROBERTS and BILL
TOMBERLIN (Stockroom)? . . .

Bet MAXINE BLAZIC and FINNIE
are really doin' some vacationing!
What a life! . . . Ask me, I just got
back from doing nothing, but you can't
beat it! . . .

Second half of his vacation just came
for WALDO GEE and by golly we sure
want to see the better-half of your fish
catch this time too, Waldo! . . .

And girls, your heart-beat, HANK
EUGENE MANKER, is vacationing in
Redwood City. Don't lose track of
him — you can never tell what will
happen! Oops, is that out of bounds?

Getting back to women drivers,
COATE "squealed" on ARLENE and
her ticket, but was silly enough to tell
me about her own two flat tires. Can't
you see TAGGIE trying to get TWO
tires fixed and getting to work on
time? . . . This L. A. . . it's always
full of excitement!

Knew I hadn't heard any giggling
for a couple of days — MARY QUICK,
Stockroom, is vacationing this week
too! . . . And RADA ADAMS just re-
turned from her Leave of Absence;
FRANK SMITH did too! . . .

INEZ thanks everyone for the flowers,
etc., while in the hospital a couple of
days for a minor operation . . . Speedy
recovery, Inez

— BUY WAR BONDS —

METALLURGICAL DEP'T.

RAW MATERIAL INSPECTION

Inside the Plomb Team there is an-
other team of which very little seems
to be known by most of you. To be
exact, it is a two-man team consisting
of Clarence Emery or "Earl" and Bob
Truan, better known as "Swiss." They
are directly responsible to the Metal-
lurgical Department for any defects
found in steel delivered to us from the
mills.

You have all seen, at some time or
another, box cars and gondolas lined
up in our yards filled with steel bars
to be used in the making of the fine
tools for which the name "Plomb" is
famous the world over. It is, therefore,
of the utmost importance that the steel
to be used is as near perfect as possi-
ble, free from such defects as seams,
pits, cracks, etc.

This is where our two "experts"
come in. File in hand they do their
work patiently and stubbornly, first
just scratching the surface but really
digging hard if, all of a sudden, a very
fine, almost imperceptible line should
appear denoting a seam in the bar,
which, if too deep, causes the inspec-
tors to reject the bar. Rejected steel,
ultimately, is usually disposed of as
scrap.

Each lot of steel which is delivered
to the Forge Shop to be run on the
hammers is carefully checked every

day. The same procedure applies to all material used in the Machine Shop. Upon receipt of a shipment of steel, the box car has to be checked also in order to ascertain that the steel bars have not been tossed around and mixed during the trip here. The average shipment that we receive totals between 50 and 60 thousand pounds. The types of steel most commonly used are NE 9440 and NE 9442, which have proven very satisfactory during our National Emergencycy and which will undoubtedly be used more and more after the war.

* * * Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JACK O'BRIEN on the birth of a daughter, MARY, on August 11, 1944. Mother and daughter are doing fine. JACK'S condition is satisfactory.

MR. H. L. MILLAR has returned from his vacation. He said he had a wonderful time mixing tons and tons of cement for his patio and retaining wall.

LEONARD DALBEC a former employee of the Plomb Tool Company and now with the Merchant Marines was visiting here Monday.

GENE HARRIS has received a letter from CHARLES MYERS, formerly with the Heat Treat Department. Charles now has a rating of Machinist 2nd class and is again stationed at San Diego. He asks to be remembered to the "Gang".

— BUY WAR BONDS —
**YOU CAN HELP MAKE HISTORY
RIGHT THIS MINUTE!**

Militarily, this is the most important . . . most urgent phase of the whole war.

The moment is at hand for American soldiers to give everything they've got a supreme effort.

Depend on them. They will write history . . . write it with their blood.

Financially, too, this is the most important, most urgent phase of the war in America.

This is the moment our soldiers depend on us to make our supreme effort in this war! We've got to make history!

Don't fail America now. Buy Bonds. Buy Bonds and keep on buying Bonds even though it begins to pinch.

And if you think that's a sacrifice, look at the casualty list in your newspaper . . . then go out and buy more!

**BUY YOUR INVASION BONDS
TODAY!**

— BUY WAR BONDS —
**EXPORT DEPARTMENT
Berardo Perez**

Miss Jo Villasenor, Asst. Export Manager, left for Washington, D. C., Saturday, August 5th, to confer with all Latin-American Commercial Attaches in the interests of our Export Department.



GUEST EDITORIAL

THE COACHES ARE IN THE LINE

J. C. Galbreath, Works Manager

The war has assumed even more serious proportions in the past few weeks. We MUST have production! PRODUCTION!! AND MORE PRODUCTION!!! BUT FAST.

So — in spite of the fact that the department heads had as much work as it seemed possible to handle, you have probably noticed them around the plant from early morning until late at night. They are trying to actually help produce more tools, and from some of the jobs they are doing in the dip room and in final inspection, you can see they will not ask anyone else to do work which they wouldn't do themselves.

It is a beautiful picture when the coaches leave the sidelines, roll up their sleeves, start doing a little honest sweating and accumulate sore muscles. They haven't lost their sense of humor, either. At least they can laugh at their own aches and pains.

Of course, their own work can't be permitted to pile up, so that means pitch in after business hours to catch up. It all goes back to that old saw, "Work hard 10 hours a day and don't worry. Soon you will get to be the boss, work 20 hours a day and do all the worrying."

2 in the Shade

Here's one for the books: Overheard the following conversation at lunch last week:

R. N. Van Grundy to Ethel Burgard: "Come, sit over here in the sun, Ethel."

E. Burgard: "Thanks, Dorothy, but the sun bothers my eyes."

R. N.: "Don't you know that specialists recommend sunlite as a wonderful asset and exercise for the eyes?"

Ethel: "Well, I'll just stay here in the shade anyway."

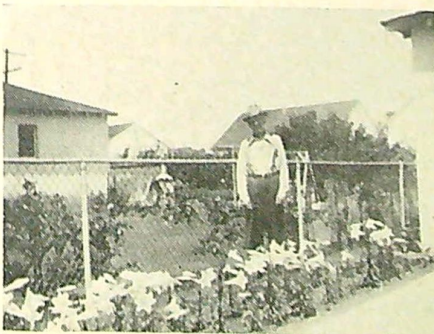
There wasn't a lapse of five minutes when I glanced over — and, incidentally have you ever noticed how charming Dorothy is in a pair of sun glasses?

Speaking of Ethel — don't you see a little love light in her eyes? You do? . . .

This will have to do for now — and anyway, what 'dya want, Blood?

Let's buy bonds and Finish the Job — Guess Who.

— BUY WAR BONDS —



ANTHONY JACOBI among the lilies in his garden. "They toil not; neither do they spin," says the Bible, but Anthony unlike these beautiful flowers, works all the time and is always on time.

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR IDENTIFICATION BADGE AT ALL TIMES

An identification badge is issued each employee and must be in his possession at all times. It must be shown to the guard when entering and leaving plant and at other times upon request. Each employee, except female office employees, must wear badge in plain sight, preferably over the left breast, at all times within the plant.

Female office employees, because of damage to clothing, need not wear their badges, but must have them in their possession to be shown upon request.

Lost badges will be replaced upon satisfactory explanation of loss and the payment of one dollar.

ADMITTANCE TO AND EXIT FROM PLANT:

A. All factory hourly employees must enter and leave the plant through the entrance directly south of the Personnel Office.

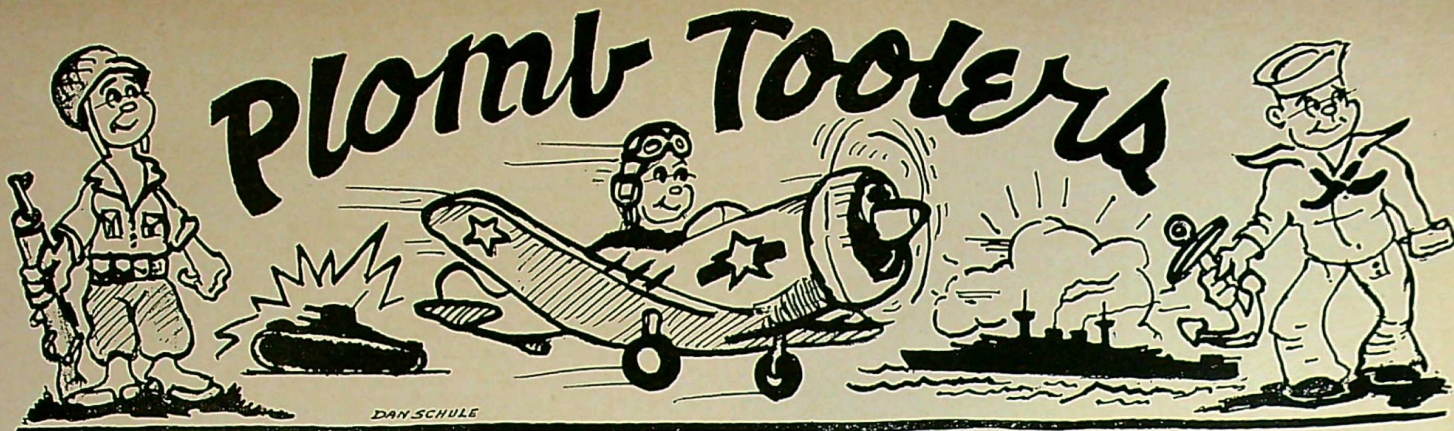
B. All other employees must enter or leave the premises by the entrance directly south of the Personnel Office or the main entrance between the North and South buildings.

C. No employee is permitted to use the Receiving or Shipping Department entrances for either admittance or exit, at any time.

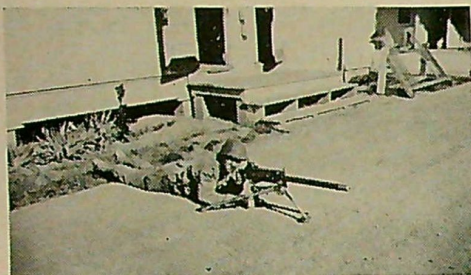
— BUY WAR BONDS —

STORK NEWS

Name: ROGER WILLIAM. 7 pounds 6 oz., 3:30 p. m., Aug. 14th, St. Vincent's Hospital, son of Fred and Margie Pearson. Fred is Plomb's Purchasing Agent. The cigars and candy were excellent.



IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE U. S. A.



LORIN BLACK — This is a snap shot of Lorin at Camp Roberts. He has been in the service several months and reports that he likes it. He was formerly steward in the Forge Shop.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

NEVER SAY YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB! THAT MEANS YOU'RE THROUGH.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

BLAH: George Bernard Shaw was delivering a speech to a London audience. During a moment of silence a voice called: "Blah". That would have annoyed many a speaker. Not so, Shaw. Looking up calmly he remarked: "I agree with you, brother. But what can two do against so many?"

— BUY WAR BONDS —



— BUY WAR BONDS —

A GENIUS IS A MAN WHO SHOOTS AT SOMETHING NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE AND HITS IT.

— BUY WAR BONDS —

MY IDEA OF AN AGREEABLE PERSON IS ONE WHO AGREES WITH WHAT I SAY.

V-Mail Letter From:

Lt. Col. D. V. Scofield, Or78N3
Hq. First U. S. Army
APO-230 c/o P. M.,
New York, N. Y.
1 July '44

In a Fox-hole Somewhere in France
Dear Morris:

It has been a long time since I have written you but recent mail from my wife causes me to stop long enough, as you found time to do, and get off a note.

Came back to this country after 26 years with the first echelon and have been ducking into fox holes, under hedge rows, etc., ever since arriving. I am still doing the same work as when I saw you last, making darned sure that the right man gets in the right spot.

The going has been pretty rough over here . . .

Unfortunately I have lost a number of my real friends over here, but it seems we always pay a high price for anything worth while, whether it be principle, or industry.

I do want to thank you most sincerely for advising Mary in my absence and everything is more than appreciated. I hope the time is not too distant when I can thank you in person.

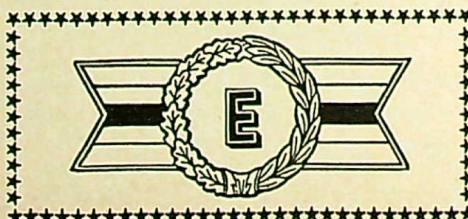
Please extend my best to the whole gang and tell them I wish they were here with me and then they would appreciate much more what they have there.

The weather has been bad, much rain and mud but we are hoping for the sun to break through, in more ways than one.

Best personal regards, and luck.

Skol, Don.

— BUY WAR BONDS —



V-Mail Letter from M. B. Pendleton:

July 27, 1944

Lt. Col. D. V. Scofield, Or78N3
Hdq. First U. S. Army
APO-230 c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Don:

Your V-mail letter of July 1st, written "In a Foxhole - Somewhere in France" was most welcome. It is being shared through the Anvil Chorus with your many friends on the Plomb Team.

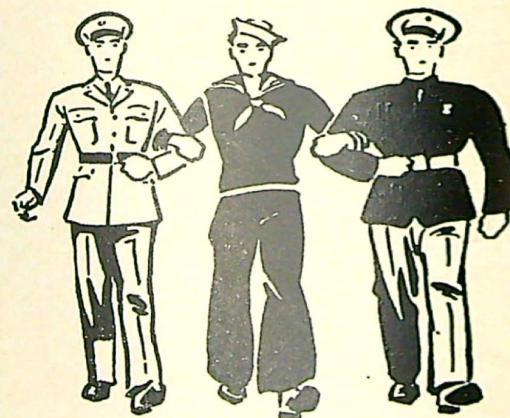
It is a tribute to you to realize that even under the pressure and hazards of the job you are doing in France, you could take the time to think of us back here pitching on the Team. It is a challenge to all of us to help keep our sense of proportion.

May I sum up my feelings by telling you and Mary to call on us whenever we may be helpful. And hurry back.

Sincerely

M. B. Pendleton.

— BUY WAR BONDS —



Write Him A Letter Today!

— BUY WAR BONDS —

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

FACTORY will be closed from Saturday at the close of the second shift until Tuesday morning beginning of first shift.

OFFICES will also be closed Monday, September 4, all day, except in unusual cases where key people are required to be on the job.